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The Honorable Mark Stone, Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

SUPPORT IF AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 1690 (LUZ RIVAS, PETRIE-NORRIS, AND STONE) AS AMENDED ON APRIL 7, 2022 – TOBACCO AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS: SINGLE-USE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND INTEGRATED CANNABIS VAPORIZERS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1690 (AB 1960), as amended on April 7, 2022, **if it is further amended** to include the recommendation in this letter.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would transition the sale of single-use electronic cigarette and single-use integrated cannabis vaporizers to rechargeable and reusable smoking products. Additionally, violations of the sales ban can result in civil penalties starting at \$200 and up to \$1,000 per violation and are enforced by local prosecutorial authorities such as county or city attorneys.

The bill attempts to address the pervasive impacts that these single-use products have on our health and environment. Additionally, it would assist jurisdictions in their efforts to reduce quantities of single use items littered onto roads and into waterways. The Task Force recommends amending the bill to give enforcement authority to local jurisdictions rather than specifically to prosecutorial authorities so that each jurisdiction can decide which agency they will use to enforce the law. This will allow jurisdictions more flexibility to enforce the law and make it more likely to be effectively enforced.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in

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Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and various other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 1690 **if amended** to include the recommendation in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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